Subject No. 117
Removal of silt from the beds of channels under tanks

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are compelled to remove the silt from beds of channels under large tanks contrary to the rules specified in page 202 of the Revenue Manual. It is requested that the Government may themselves undertake, through contractors or otherwise, the work of removing the silt and other obstructions from the beds of channels, &c. If this cannot be done the work may be carried out by Government agency before the end of December and the cost ratably distributed and levied from all the raiyats concerned along with Land Revenue.

Reply of Government.—The rules relied upon apply to river channels and not to tank channels. The order of 7th January 1896 is correct and requires no modification. Deputy Commissioners will make the necessary enquiry and afford all reasonable help, but Government cannot do all the work for the raiyats.

Subject No. 118
Preservation of Mamul Paths and rights of way.

Summary of discussion.—Paths leading from village to village are closed by the raiyats in several places, thus causing great inconvenience to travellers. All interference with mamul paths should be adequately noticed.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Representations in individual cases, if made to local officers, will be duly investigated.

Subject No. 119
Assessment of land under private Kattes and tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The rates of assessment payable on lands under private enterprise tanks and kattes are very high and may be suitably reduced under rules to be specially framed for the purpose. Chauthayi remission has not been allowed in all places.

Reply of Government.—Cases in which $\frac{1}{4}$ remission has not been granted may be brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioners by the parties concerned.

Subject No. 120
Levy of wet rate on irrigable Atchkat.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The question of the levy of wet rates on only so much of the atchkat of tanks as can be easily irrigated with the water thereof is again urged for the consideration of Government.

(*b*) As regards the rest of the atchkat the rate of assessment may be reduced.

Reply of Government.—The assessment cannot be revised till the next settlement.

Subject No. 121
Huckdar village officials to work by rotation.

Summary of discussion.—The question of allowing huckdars to hereditary offices to officiate by turns is again submitted for the consideration of Government.

In Bombay, Act III of 1874 was passed to remedy evils of the kind complained of.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be duly considered.